

# MONTHLY REPORT

Faith Formation Administrative Team

June 2019

## Adult Faith Formation

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### A. Initiation

1. **RCRA.** I am working with a husband and wife whose work schedules do not allow them to participate in our regularly scheduled programs.

> Learn more: <http://waterloocatholics.org/rcia-rcra>

2. **Baptism Preparation.** 02 families attended the May baptism preparation program at Queen of Peace. The next class is June 10 at Sacred Heart.

> Learn more: <http://waterloocatholics.org/baptizing-infants-and-children>

### B. Evangelization

1. **Alpha for Catholics.** The Alpha summer series will start June 4 and meet on Tuesday evenings at COR. Ellen and I are in the process of scheduling Alpha series for the coming year in the parishes.

> Learn more: <https://waterloocatholics.org/alpha>

2. **Listening Sessions.** The next listening session for inactive and alienated Catholics is June 19 at COR. The next listening session for gay and lesbian Catholics is July 24 at COR.

> Learn more: <https://waterloocatholics.org/listening-sessions>

3. **Catholic Witness Hour.** The next Catholic Witness Hour is July 29 at Immaculate Conception Parish in Gilbertville.

> Learn more: <https://waterloocatholics.org/catholic-witness-hour>

4. **Waterloo Catholics on Facebook.** Total daily reach for the Waterloo Catholics Facebook page for May was 4,377 (daily average: 141; daily range: 85/230).

### C. Adult Formation and Enrichment

1. **Critical Choices Workshop.** 02 people attended the May workshop at Queen of Peace.

> Learn more: <https://waterloocatholics.org/critical-choices-workshops>

2. **Busy Catholic's Guide to Catholic Living.** 06 people attended the Busy Catholic's Guide to sharing Faith April 30.

> Learn more: <https://waterloocatholics.org/busy-catholics-guide-to-catholic-life>

3. **Summer Bible Study.** Dr. John Waldmeier of Loras College will facilitate this year's Summer Bible Series. "Themes from the Old Testament" is the title of this year's series, which will meet on Monday evenings, starting June 10.

> Learn more: <https://waterloocatholics.org/summer-bible-study>

4. **Summer Forum Series.** This year's Summer Forum Series begins June 27 with a presentation by Dr. Charlotte Wells. Other presenters are Fr. Jerry Kopacek, Bishop Thomas Zincola, Fr. Bob Beck, and Dr. Dave Cochran; Dr. Brian Cross will present a special evening for young adults. Summer Forum programs meet at COR, 7:00-8:30pm.

> Learn more: <https://waterloocatholics.org/summer-forum>

5. **Focus on Faith.** The next Focus on Faith session is June 17 at COR; the topic is "The Ten Commandments--Love God."

### D. Spiritual Growth

1. **Charismatic Healing Mass.** The Intercity Charismatic Prayer Community will sponsor a Healing Mass June 18 at Immaculate Conception Church in Gilbertville. Praise and worship begins at 6:30, with Mass, prayer and fellowship to follow.

> Learn more: <https://waterloocatholics.org/healing-mass>

See a complete calendar of opportunities for adults at:

<https://waterloocatholics.org/bulletin-board>

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## **Gr. 2-12 Sacraments**

**Julie Niemeyer**

### First Sacraments

- Information needed for sacramental registers was sent to parishes in May.
- Coordinated First Communion photo orders delivery; sent digital images to parishes for use on their websites if desired.
- Calendar dates for parent meetings and celebrations have been sent to parishes to check for any scheduling conflicts.

### PREP (Penance/Reconciliation & Eucharist Preparation for gr. 3-8) & Children's Initiation

- I hope to meet with a couple of Congolese youth (in middle school and high school) during July to prepare them for Reconciliation and Eucharist. It is dependent on whether they participate in Summer RE first.

### Confirmation

- Results for On-line evaluation surveys were positive. 12 newly-Confirmed responded. The Confirmation Team analyzed the results at their wrap-up meeting on May 6.
- Annie Zeets will coordinate the Confirmation preparation program and celebration next year.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

CLOW during the summer: Once a month at Blessed Sacrament, twice a month at Queen of Peace, 3x per month at Sacred Heart. None at St. Ed's. I continue to prepare the leaflets for those Sundays.

### Other -

- Attended MAC (Ministry Affiliated Cohort) meeting on May 14.
- Helped plan last school Mass at Sacred Heart School (May 23)
- Will help out at Summer RE as needed.
- Working on updates to Waterloo Catholics website - those related to sacramental prep for children.

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## **Ellen Kuchera**

### **COR & Young Adult Ministry**

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### COR AT 220 EAST:

- Coordinator of Evangelization Report
  - Recruited 13 Hole Sponsors for the COR Golf Outing
  - Recruited musicians to provide background music during arrival and dinner for all 11 weeks of Alpha
  - Met with several musicians and artists in the community and have several exhibits and events in process
  - Beginning initial planning and volunteer recruitment for Irish Fest
  - Continuing to make COR an inviting and welcoming space
    - Painting and touching up wall space
    - Researched and ordering a gallery hanging system for artwork
    - Taking inventory and maintaining kitchenette space

- May's movie night, "Mary Poppins" was on May 17 and focused on the vibrant virtue of kindness. June's movie night will be "What's Eating Gilbert Grape" on June 21 and will focus on the deadly sin of gluttony.
- May's discussion night was "What is Truth" on May 20. June's discussion night is "Love God: The Ten Commandments" on June 17.
- Our 3rd Annual Golf Outing will be held on Sunday, June 9, at 2 pm at Jesup Golf and Country Club.
- Alpha at COR began on June 4 and will continue every Tuesday night from 5:30 - 7:15 pm through August 13. We have two solid groups and are hoping to form a third next week.
- The Summer Forum Series will be starting June 26th at 7 pm with Dr. Charlotte Wells presenting on "Crisis and Recovery in the History of the Church."

#### YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:

- Open tea/Scripture reflection continues on June 10th & 24th.
- Young Adult Summer Forum Night will be on July 17. Dr. Bryan Cross from the philosophy department at Mt. Mercy University will be presenting on the philosophical challenges of our time in relation to faith and reason.
- Light the Night - had an initial team planning meeting. We are looking forward to this beautiful night of prayer and evangelization on August 2 at Queen of Peace.
- Witness to Love - did an initial presentation to Waterloo Pastoral Leaders on this marriage prep program and will begin meeting with parishes individually this summer to determine how each parish would like to implement it if they so choose.
- Behold Your Child - hoping to meet with others in the area that have been trained this summer to determine implementation in the Waterloo parishes.

#### CHILDREN & FAMILY CATECHESIS:

- Planned and coordinated with Annie Zeets the RE Closing Mass on Wednesday, May 1.
- Team contact for Totus Tuus. Working with coordinators, William & Renae Brandle, to run Totus Tuus July 14-19.

#### ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

- Year-Round RCIA - met with St. Mary's in Waverly and St. Pius X in Cedar Rapids about our year-round RCIA model. It was excellent discussion.

#### **HS/MS Youth Ministry Annie Zeets**

- April 26: Was the "DJ" for the Blessed Maria middle school social
- May 7: CHS senior renewal
- May 12: Catholic Heart Pancake breakfast at Blessed Sacrament
- Last day of school CHS/BMAP - May 31
- Last day for public schools - June 7

#### Coming Up

- HS end of year party is set for June 14
- TBD middle school serve 'n slide in collaboration with St. Pat's youth ministry

#### **NCYC 2019**

- As of this report, 198 have registered, this number includes 40 adult chaperones:
- Trip is Nov, 21-24, 2019 in Indianapolis
- Cost is \$650/person (youth and adults)
- Will offer a series of training meetings for adult chaperones beginning in August.
- Monthly Archdiocesan NCYC webinars

### **Catholic Heart Workcamp 2019**

- 13 youth and 3 adults have registered for the trip
- Trip dates are July 7-12, 2019 in Kansas City
- Cost is \$500/person

### **Other**

- Helping FF Team cover responsibilities for K-12 RE including prep for summer RE
- Facilitator for MAC group
- Continuing to advise other youth ministers on NCYC planning
- Working on plans for the confirmation program
- Attended CHS and West High graduation
- Attended BMAP 8th grade celebration mass
- Attended dozens of graduation open houses

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### **Office Manager Becky McElroy**

#### Meetings:

Preparing agenda's, updating information, and sending out meeting agenda's and minutes from the FFAT meetings.

#### Staff/Office

- Support staff with ongoing needs.
- Daily office duties.
- Put in survey monkey surveys for Dave.
- Preparing financial reports.
- Accounts payable.
- Helping FF Team cover responsibilities for K-12 RE.
- Working on the budget for 2018-2019.
- Started online registration process and online payments for Summer RE. Currently have 80 kids registered for Summer RE. Online registration is going well.
- Planned Summer RE Catechist meeting (food and materials) at BMAP. Toured BMAP building to determine rooms to use for summer RE. Have teachers set up for Summer RE. Contacting families that have not signed up for RE.
- Set up an online training for FORMED with Faith Formation team and Brett Rauzi and Maggie England. Training was very helpful for everyone to see how to launch FORMED to parish.
- Packed Faith Formation office, preparing to move to the former library space at Blessed Sacrament on June 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>.